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SUBJECT: GOC PLANS FOR SEVEN ARAB PRISONERS

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1. FOR PSYCHOLOGICAL PROFILE OF HIJACKERS, IF NOTHING ELSE, FOLLOWING INFO REGARDING EXCHANGE AT NICOSIA AIRPORT MAY BE OF USE. FROM VARIOUS SOURCES, IT APPEARS THAT HIJACKERS DEMANDED FUEL ON ARRIVAL AND ADDED GREETINGS TO ARCHBISHOP AND REQUESTED THAT SEVEN ARABS HELD IN JAIL HERE BE RELEASED. AS GOC WAS CRANKING UP AN ANSWER ON PRISONERS, HIJACKERS (WHO HAD BEEN PREOCCUPIED WITH FUELING) MADE ARRANGEMENTS TO TAKE OFF, LEAVING WITH REPEATED MESSAGE THEY HOPED ARAB PRISONERS WOULD SOON BE RELEASED. THEY APPARENTLY DID NOT ASK FOR A SPECIFIC RESPONSE FROM GOC, AND WE BELIEVE NONE WAS GIVEN. THEY CONGRATULATED ARCHBISHOP ON HIS "PROMISE" TO RELEASE PRISONERS. ALLUSION WAS IN PAST TENSE AND MAY HAVE REFERRED TO VAGUE ASSURANCES WE THINK ARCHBISHOP GAVE TO QADHAFI IN RESPONSE TO LIBYAN PRESSURE FOR RELEASE DURING RECENT VISIT.

2. PIO TELLS US THAT HE EXPECTS ARCHBISHOP TO RELEASE ON HIS NAME DAY, JAN 19, OR MORE LIKELY ON CHRISTMAS, SINCE
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PRISONERS ARE AN EMBARRASSMENT TO GOC. AMBASSADOR PRESSED

PIO, EXPLAINED OUR REASONS FOR BELIEVING THAT SOFT POLICY
ENCOURAGES TERRORISM. PIO DID NOT BUDGE.
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